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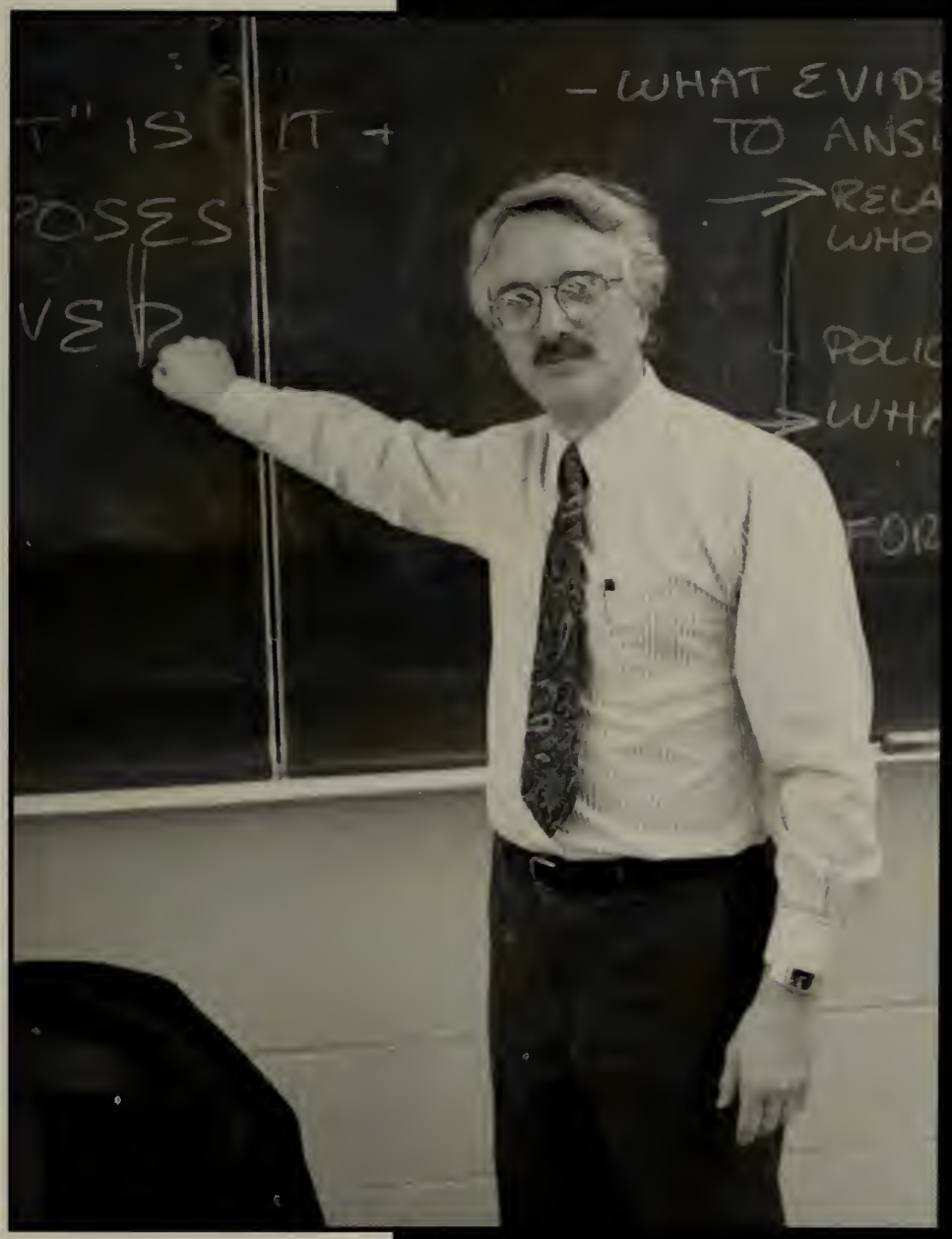

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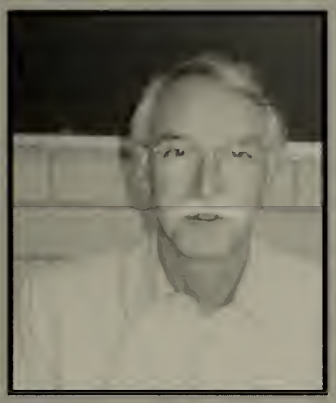

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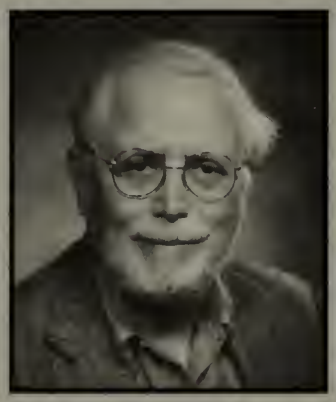

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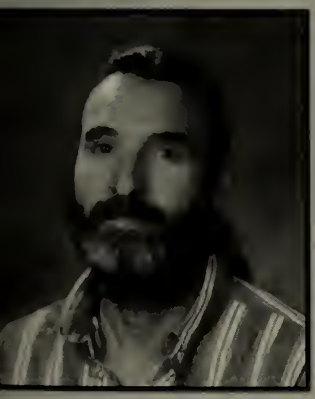

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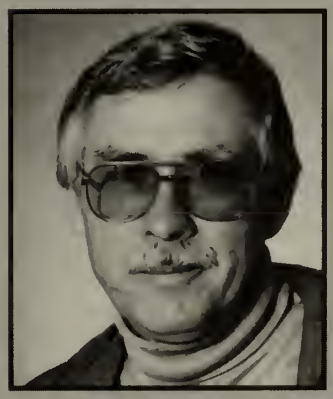

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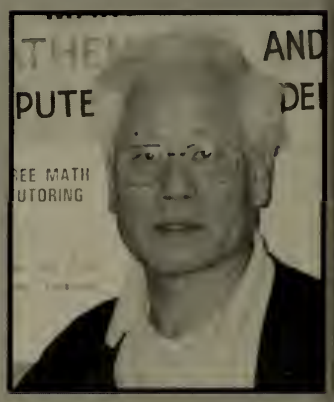

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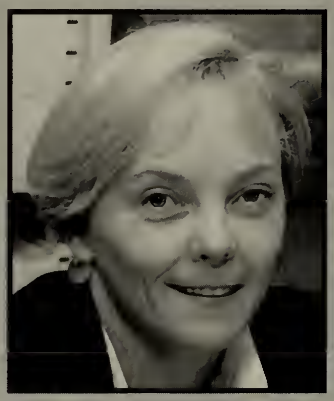

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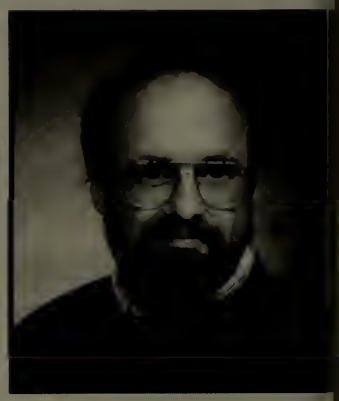

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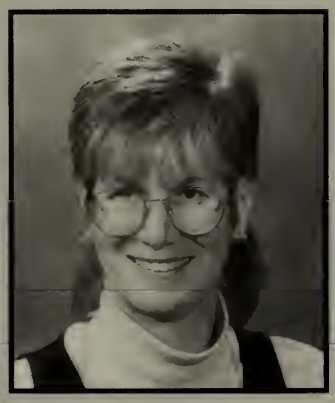

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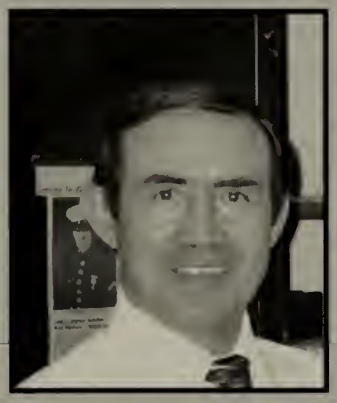

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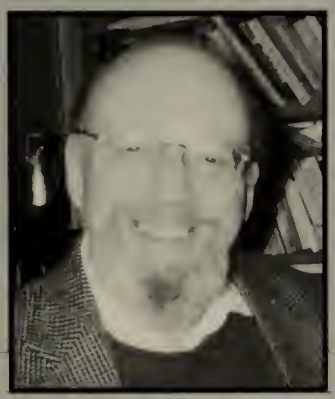

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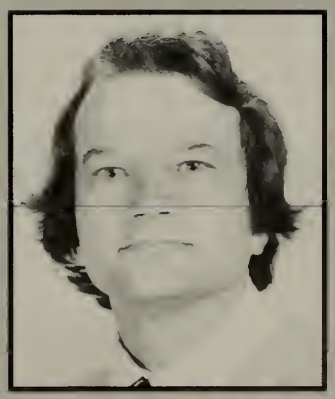

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DEDICATION

The Westfield State College Class of 1997 would like to dedicate this yearbook to Vice President Peter Mazza and Barbara Hand for their inspiring contributions to the campus community. Through their generosity and commitment, they serve as our role models as we venture into our professional lives.

Barbara Hand
Executive Secretary to the Student Government Association

Tucked away in the corner office of the SGA room, Barbara Hand is on the phone with someone important. Whether she is talking with the college president or a confused freshman, she gives the speaker her undivided attention. Her sincere concern for each student and her genuine humility are two of her finest attributes. She will always return a compliment before accepting one. She is constantly giving of her time and of herself with a dedication that transcends her job description. Barbara Hand is our mom-away-from-home. Her kind words and warm heart encourage students to become actively involved with the campus community. Through her grace and professionalism, Barbara Hand has touched the lives of many future graduates.

Vice President Peter Mazza is whistling as he walks up the stairs to his second floor office in Ely Campus Center. He smiles and says hello to everyone he encounters. His most endearing quality, perhaps, is his keen ability to select the appropriate anecdote for any given situation. His enlightening stories and his famous candy dish are what keep students lingering at his door. As one of the most visible members of the faculty, he may be seen at many campus events, including intramural women's's floor hockey. He demonstrates a profound commitment to the intellectual and spiritual development of the students. A true gentleman, he is one of WSC's finest treasures. The entire college community has been honored by his presence.

Peter Mazza
Vice President of Student Affairs

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WRITINGS FROM THE WINDOW SILL

by Kate Owens

One last Time

Ladies and gentlemen, may I be the first to welcome you to your college yearbook...(Cue: trumpets and unfurl flags) After a long, arduous journey of meetings and photo shoots, it is here in your hands to enjoy for years to come. This year's objective was to create a leather-bound memoir of our college experience. However, what lies ahead in the pages that follow is not a photo album, as in previous years. You will not see every student drinking. You will not be bombarded with pictures of one circle of friends. What you will see are students living and learning together in the place we affectionately called "school" or "home" for the last four years.
Once you have flipped through, looking at the pictures, I invite you to enjoy the poetry selected for your yearbook. Many of these works compliment either an image or a feeling attributable only to the WSC experience. Others are just fun to read. (Check out: "in Just" or "This Bridge"

A few personal thanks:

to those of you who followed my column during my years with *The Campus Voice*. Your support warms my heart.

to Nathan St. Germain, Matt Odell, Nicolle Leney, Greg Neikirk, and Barbara Hand. Your contributions to the success of this book are deeply appreciated.

And now, I proudly present **TEKOA '97...**

A Message to the Class of 1997 from William H. Lopes Acting President Westfield State College

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Office of the President

TO: The Graduates of 1997

FR: William H. Lopes, Acting President

While every year that I have spent at Westfield State College has been challenging and interesting, the 1996-97 year, your last year and the time of my acting presidency, has been especially compelling.

The duties associated with the presidency have brought me into contact with hundreds of students in the residence halls, on the athletic field, on campus tours, in dozens of ways officially and unofficially. While some of my tasks have been more pleasant than others, every contact with students and, especially seniors, has been energizing, stimulating and fun. You have given me much and I hope I have contributed, however minimally, in your growth.

As this note is written, we still look forward to the occasions that mark the completion of your undergraduate life. The awards ceremony, finals, senior week and commencement all await you. When you read this, however, those events, and many others, will be over. The quiet time set aside to read this yearbook will be happy, yet melancholy, as you note the changes in your life.

In the thirty years since my college graduation, I have been extraordinarily blessed . . . graduate school, a loving and enduring marriage, two talented and charismatic sons, a fortunate career. When I reflect on the summer of 1967 and my concerns, (at that time, I was convinced that none of the above would happen) I know, or believe I do, what you feel. Economic and personal uncertainties bedevil you and you wonder what next year, five years and thirty years will bring. Please know that faculty, my administrative associates and I wish for you immense satisfaction, accomplishment and growth in whatever path you follow.

Always love and always learn. Godspeed.

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Dr. William H. Lopes, Acting President

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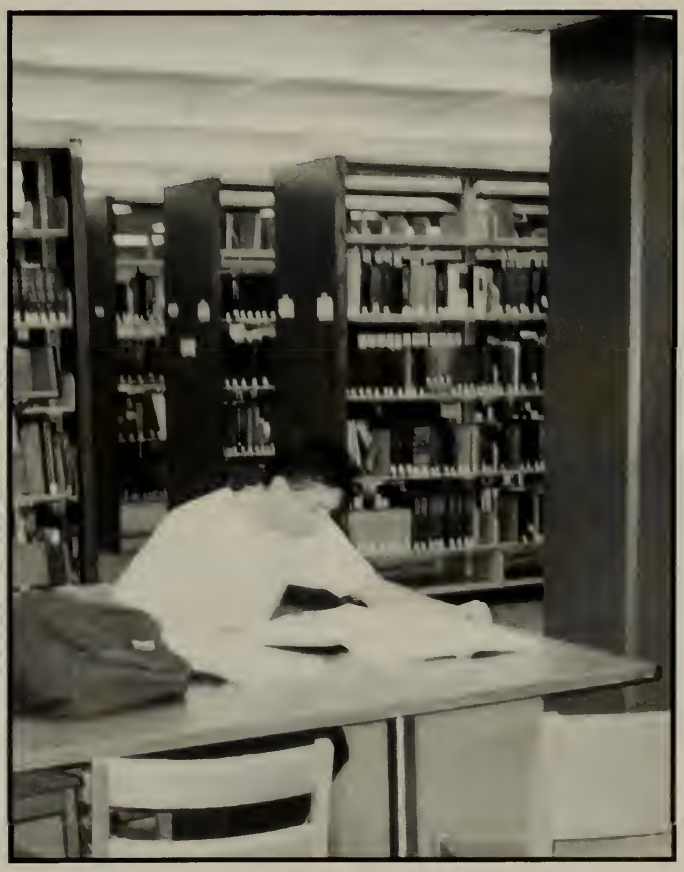

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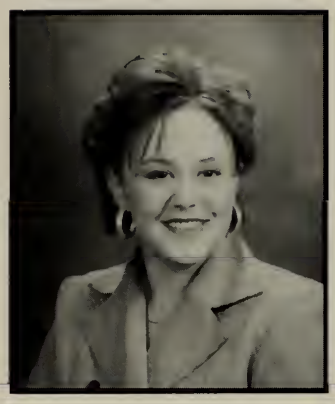

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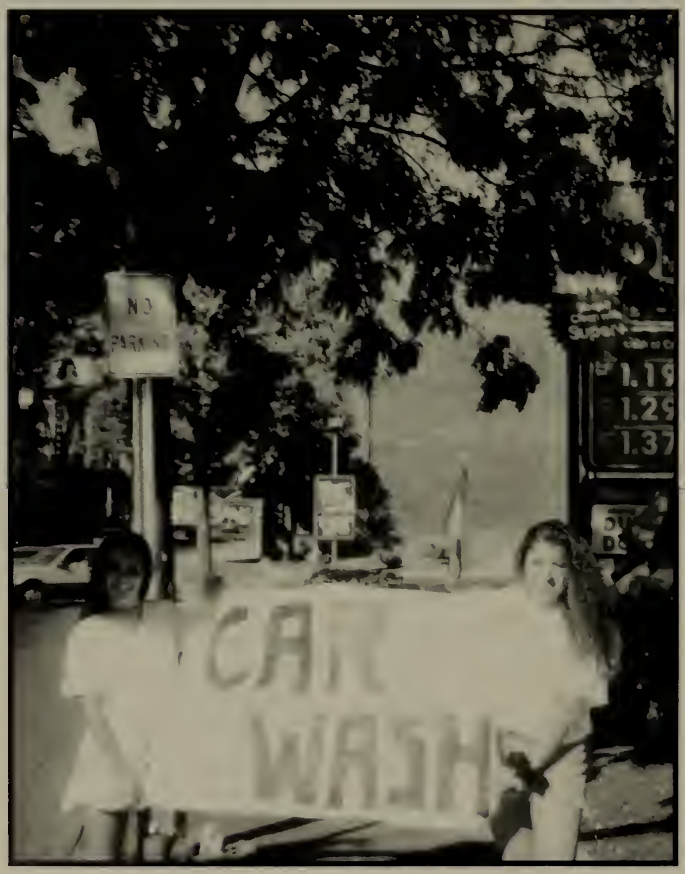

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Jeremy Lyonnais
September 5, 1975 -October 4, 1995

From his freshman year at Westfield State, Jeremy always looked for a challenge. He was quick to get involved in many activities, such as Intramurals, the Karate Club, and WSC-TV. At the beginning of his junior year, Jeremy became a double major, adding English to his existing major of Mass Communications. He put everything he had into all that he did, especially his friendships. Jeremy was a caring friend who touched the lives of all who knew him.

Last Set

If I could only go out there
one more time,
Just one more shot,
That's all I want.
A chance to show them
what I've got.
Before this entertainer's
time has past,
For I have spent hours on
that stage.
Where I kept the audience engaged.
My jabs were sharp and jokes well timed,
And sometimes even made a rhyme.
Now these days are gone.
I still love the show,
and the rhythm as it goes.
Now I'm old and so I go,
but I will miss the audience so.
-Jeremy Lyonnais

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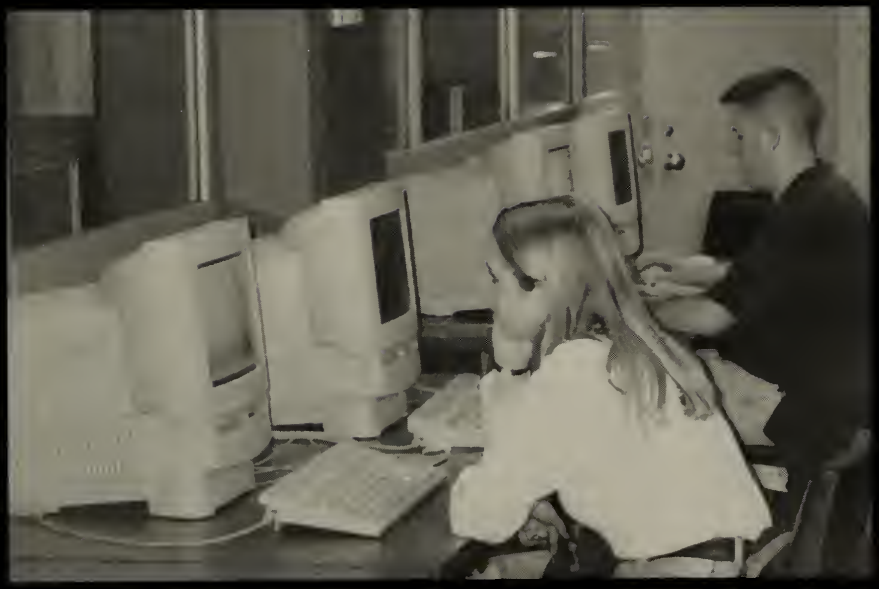
student life

Ordering pizza at 2 a.m.
and cramming for an afternoon
final are two of the many activities that are
part of daily life at WSC.
Only in college can you live with and learn
from a concentrated group of your peers.

This is life.
Portrayed on the stage for ages;
Recorded earthily for centuries;
lived in strangeness for years;
Sung as a hymn for days;
exalted but an hour, but the
Hour is treasured by Eternity as a jewel.
-The Playground of Life-Kahlil Gibran



Cheers & Jeers

Fall 96 - Spring 97

Cheers...

- *to Taco Bell...6 packs, need I say more*
- *to power outages...NO CLASSES*
- *to extension 5411...no need to roll out of bed.*
- *to the cafe...oh wait wrong column!!!*
- *to flex dollars...the more the merrier*
- *to RA's...thanks for not busting my parties!!!*
- *to Thursday nights...STUDY BREAK!!!*
- *to President Woodward... Welcome to WSC*

Jeers...

- *to the winter white stag...I didn't want to get in anyway*
- *to Courtney Hall riots...we didn't need that window*
- *to fire alarms...I always wanted to know the fire chief by his first name*
- *to the cafe...I wanted to diet anyway*
- *to the Mr. Courtney contest...what contest???*
- *to the new alcohol policy...thanks mom and dad*
- *saying goodbye...see you next semester*

Orlando Lassalle
Class of 2000

COURTNEY HALL

DAVIS
HALL

DREAM THEATER
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"The Snow Storm"

Arrives the snow, and driving o'er the fields,
Seems nowhere to alight: the whited air
Hides the hills and woods, the river, and the heaven,
And veils the farm-house at the garden's end.
The sled and traveller stopped, the couriers's feet
Delayed, all friends shout out, the housemates sit
Around the radiant fireplace, enclosed
In a tumultuous privacy of storm.

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Welcome to
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97 clubs & activities

"Now that I am graduating, I can't wait to get paid for all the hard work I did for free."

Weekly meetings, planning, organizing - all this for no other incentive than to make WSC a better place.

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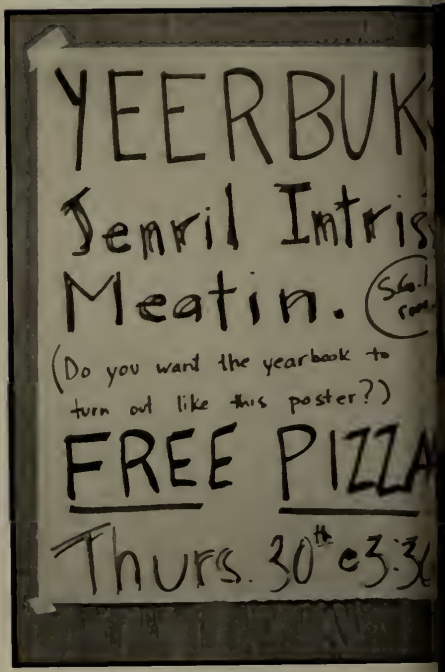
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Thurs. 30th

Musical Theatre Guild

Westfield State College
Musical Theatre Guild
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Guys & Dolls

Westfield State College
Musical Theatre Guild Presents...

"Once On This Island"

Campus Voice

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CAB

Chess Club

Third World

I, Too

I, too, sing America.

I am the darker brother.
They send me to eat in the kitchen
When the company comes,
But I laugh.
And eat well.
And grow strong.

Tomorrow,
I'll be at the table
When company comes.
Nobody'll dare
Say to me,
"Eat in the kitchen,"
Then.

Besides,
They'll see how beautiful I am
And be ashamed--

I, too, am America
-Langston Hughes

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Class of 1999 Officers

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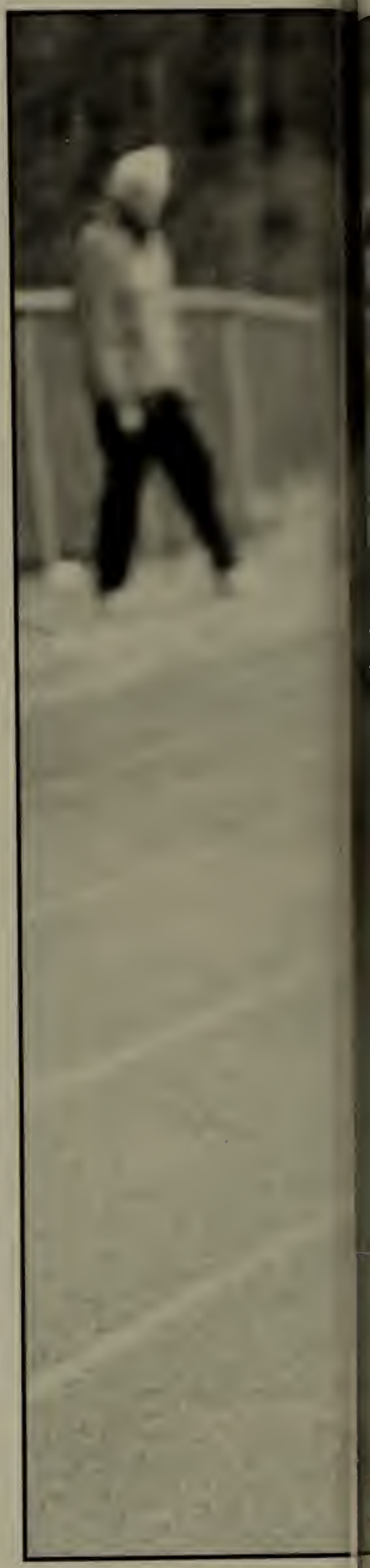

STFIELD
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FOOTBALL

The Owls finished the 1996 football season with a 4-6 record under seventh-year coach Steve Marino.

Westfield began the season with three victories in its first four games, then suffered five straight losses. The Owls ended the season on a high note with a dramatic 21-20 victory over Maine Maritime.

Junior quarterback Mike Bartlett, the team's Offensive Player of the Year, threw for 903 yards and 14 touchdowns. He also was the second leading rusher with 267 yards.

Senior Kyle Swist led the team in rushing with 716 yards. The leading receiver was senior tight end Dan Baker, who caught 22 passes for 292 yards and six scores.

Versatile junior Tyler Gerry was the second leading receiver and led the team in kickoff returns; he also saw extensive action in the defensive backfield.

Defensively, the Owls' leading tacklers were seniors T.J. Cole and Matt Walsh and freshman T.J. Raeke, who was selected the New England Football Conference Defensive Rookie of the Year.

Walsh and senior tackle Mike Cronin were named to the all conference second team.

Team awards also were presented to Walsh (Defensive Player of the Year), Cronin (Lineman of the Year), senior offensive lineman Bill Butler (12th Player Award) and Gerry (Outstanding Contributer).

SENIORS

First Row: Joe Braico, Matt Walsh, Matt Duplessis, T.J. Cole, Mike Cronin, Derek Dufresne Second Row: Kile Swist, Jim Campbell, Mike Loconsolo, Bill Butler, Dan Baker, Tony Amico, Sean Jennings

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SOCCER

The Westfield State men's soccer team finished the season with a 7-10-2 overall record; the Owls were 3-3-2 in the Mass. State Conference, placing fourth in the eight-team league.

Senior forward Derek Casinghino was named first team all conference. He finished second in the conference in scoring with 27 points (12 goals, 3 assists). Casinghino ranks 22nd on Westfield's all-time scoring list with 51 points (22 goals, 7 assists).

Named second team all conference were senior midfielder Josh Downing and junior back Mike Sullivan.

Downing was the team's second leading scorer with 15 points. Other leading scorers were senior Jason Richard with 12 points and sophomore T.J. Garron with 10.

Senior goal keeper Neil Belanger finished his four-year career with a school record 458 saves.

SENIORS

Neil Belanger, Josh Downing

First Row: Brian Willar, Mike Szolek, Jeff Morris, T.J. Garron, Josh Downing, John Joyce, Tom Thomas, Andy Higgins. **Second Row:** assistant coach Sandu Rebeniuc, Neil Belanger, Rob Quigley, Andrew Haney, Jason Richard, Greg Maganzini, Chris Streeter, Derek Casinghino, Dave Gauger, Mike Sullivan, Chris Joyce, Jared Kimmitt, David LaPierre, coach David Spataru.

First Row: Kristina Reiseter, Jill Dailey, Amy Clark. **Second Row:** Beth Aucoin, Holly Maines, Colleen McDermott, Kristen Gauthier, Kristen Schmaelzle, Michelle Lynch, Krissy Palm. **Third Row:** head coach Donna Coombs, Laura Leszcynski, Kristen Scotland, Sandy Pinto, Jennie Anderson, Laura Pereira, Lisamarie Walsh, Andrea Figuera, Elaine Licata, Colleen Doyle, assistant coach Amy Gagne, assistant coach John Hyland.

Seniors

Kristina Reiseter, Jill Dailey, Amy Clark

Soccer

The Westfield State women's soccer team finished a successful season under first-year head coach Donna Coombs by capturing the MAIAW Tournament championship Nov. 11.

In the championship game played at Nichols College, sophomore standout Holly Maines scored two goals to lead the Owls to a 2-1 victory over local rival Western New England College. Maines, a 1995 graduate of Saugerties, NY, High School finished her first season of collegiate competition with a school record 39 points (15 goals, 9 assists). The former record of 34 points was set last season by junior Sandy Pinto. Maines was a starting point guard on the basketball team her freshman season and was named Rookie of the Year in the Mass. State Conference.

Maines' skills also did not go unnoticed in soccer as she was named Player of the Year in the Mass. State Conference. Named to the all conference first team were Pinto and junior forward Andrea Figueras. Noticeably absent from the all conference team was junior midfielder Laura Pereira, who had a solid season with 20 points.

Pinto continued her assault on the record books as she set school records for goals and points in a career. The junior forward from Ludlow has 98 career points and 43 career goals heading into her senior season.

The Owls finished with a 13-8 record under the direction of Coombs and tied a school record for most wins in a season.

"It was a good way to finish the season," said Coombs. "Overall, I was pleased with how we played this year and I'm really looking forward to next season."

The Owls placed second in the Mass. State Conference with a 4-2 record. The young Westfield team played well at home, compiling an 8-2 overall record, but it posted a subpar 3-6 road record.

"We have to learn how to play better on the road and that will come with experience," said Coombs.

Field Hockey

The Westfield State field hockey team claimed the MAIAW Tournament championship for the second consecutive season.

In the field hockey championship game played at Worcester Polytech's artificial surface field, Westfield defended its MAIAW title by rolling to a 5-1 victory over Nichols College.

The Owls finished with a 12-7 record and set a school record for most wins in a season. Additionally, they earned a share of the Mass. State Conference championship with a 4-1 league record. Bridgewater and Salem State also posted 4-1 conference records.

Despite finishing in the three-way tie, Westfield proved to be the class of the conference by playing a demanding nonleague schedule. The Owls lost to the top two teams in NCAA Division 3, Hartwick, NY College and the College of New Jersey. Westfield State also fell to three Division 2 colleges and Springfield College, which qualified for the ECAC playoffs.

"We played one of the toughest schedules in New England and we still finished with a fine record," said head coach Barb Vinciguerra.

The Owls were blessed with a balanced attack as eight players scored 10 points or more. Senior Nikki LaMontagne, the team's MVP, led the way with 23 points followed by sophomore Lori Lahue (22) and junior Erin Schuttenhelm (19).

LaMontagne and Lahue were a second team all conference selections at the forward position along with senior Tara Rosatta, who set a school record for assists in a career (18). Senior forward Robyn DeAngelis and junior back Danielle Baldassare were all conference first teamers.

Seniors

Robyn DeAngelis, Tara Rosatta

Row: Jill Paghera, Nikki LaMontagne, Melissa Perrotty, Tara Rosata, Robyn DeAngelis, Kelly Gasior, Lori Lahue, Pratt. **Second Row:** Karen Pawlishen, Katie Gordon, Kristen Lucas, Kara Jagodzinski, Erin Schaufenbil, Danielle ssare, Andrea Fargen, coach Barb Vinciguerra.

Cross Country

The Westfield State College women's cross country team captured the Mass. State College Athletics Conference cross country championships on Oct. 26 at Stanley Park.

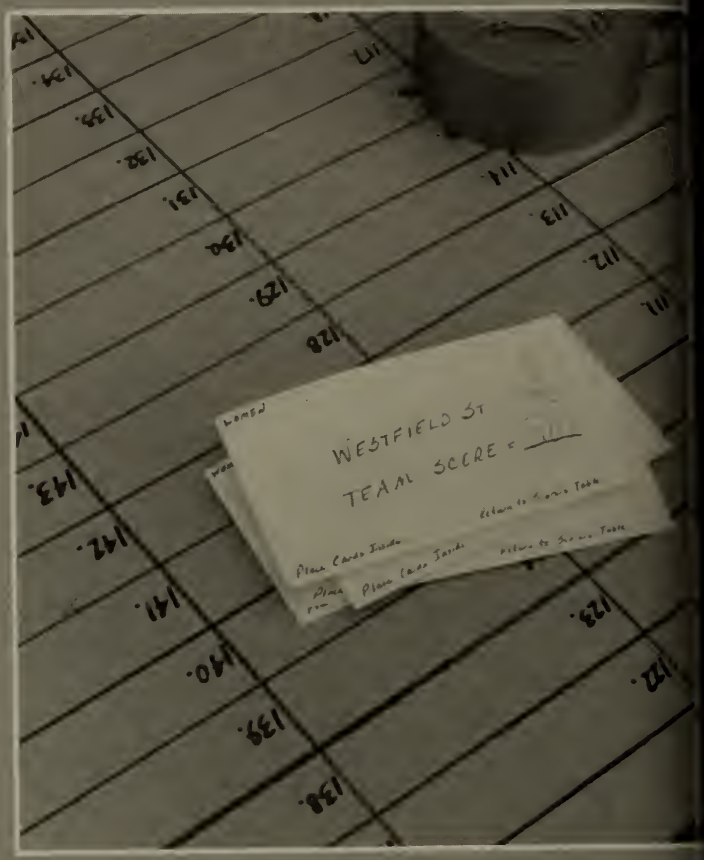
It was the Westfield's women's first title since 1992 as they snapped Fitchburg's string of three consecutive crowns. The Owls placed five runners in the top 10, as they relied heavily on "pack running" to win the titles on their home course.

"Our only strategy was to run together," said coach Bob Rausch. "It was a great effort on a beautiful day."

The Westfield women were dominating, scoring 26 points to outdistance second place Fitchburg (72 points) and third place Salem (81).

Even more impressive was that Westfield's top five finishers were freshmen. Westfield freshman Diana Cares of Northboro's Algonquin High School won the meet with a time of 20:13.7 over the 3.1 mile layout. She was followed by classmates Tina Pellett of Gardner (4th, 20:39.9), Lisa Roy of Lowell (5th, 20:43.6), Melissa Merrow of Dunstable (6th, 20:56.2) and Tricia Murphy of Lakeville (10th, 21:31.8).

"The young kids are starting to run well for us," said Rausch. "It took them awhile to get adjusted to college competition. I'm real happy for them."



Seniors

Richelle Chesmore, Gina Potorski

Row: Tina Pellett, Diana Cares, Michelle LaPlume Tina Marie Varzeas, Jody Nannene, Darlee Burns, Tricia Murphy, Melissa Merrow. **Second Row:** assistant Nancy Muldowney, Lisa Roy, Gina Potorski, Ann LaFauci, Richelle Chesmore, Melissa Cross, head coach Bob Rausch

First **Row:** Jim Bolton, Tom Scola, Mike Reis, Paul Devlin. **Second Row:** Garrett Ford, Rob Laprel, Ryan McCluskey, Steve Brochu, Kevin Shepard, Ed Piselli. **Third Row:** assitant coach David Gagnon, Shawn Breault, Casey Connolly, Mike Roberts, Al Wilson, Matt Dowaliby, Dave Sauter, Matt McCue, head coach Bob Rausch.

Cross Country

The Westfield State College men's cross country teams captured the Mass. State College Athletics Conference cross coun-try championships at Stanley Park on Oct. 26.

The Westfield men won the conference crown for the second straight season and the 13th time in the past 14 years.

The Owls placed five runners in the top 10, as they relied heavily on "pack running" to win the title on their home course.

"Our only strategy was to run together," said Bob Rausch, who coaches both the Westfield mens' and womens' teams. "It was a great effort on a beautiful day."

The men's race was close even though Westfield landed five in the top 10. Bridgewater took the top two spots, as standout Solomon Tsegai and teammate Bryan Doldt were clocked in 26:59.1 and 27:11.7, respectively, over the five-mile course.

Bridgewater had three runners in the top seven as Arthur Silva earned the final all conference spot with a time of 28:00.6. However, their fourth and fifth runners placed 22nd and 25th.

In addition, Salem placed three runners in the top 12, but its fourth and fifth runners were 15th and 16th. Westfield won the meet with 33 points followed by Bridgewater (48) and Salem (55).

Senior Shawn Breault of Athol was Westfield's top finisher, placing fourth in 27:38.6. Freshman Mike Reis of Seekonk and sophomore Joe Fois of East Longmeadow finished strong to overtake runners from Bridgewater and Salem in the final mile. They earned all conference honors by placing fifth (27:56.7) and sixth (27:59.5), respectively.

Rounding out Westfield's scoring were senior Matt McCue of Fiskdale (8th, 28:14.4) and senior Casey Connolly of Ashland (10th, 28:25.6). Senior Mike Roberts of Springfield and junior Steve Brochu of Middleton also contributed to the win as they placed 13th and 14th, respectively, to displace Bridgewater's and Salem's fourth and fifth runners.

Seniors

Mike Roberts. Rob Laprel

CHEERLEADERS

SENIOR
Cindi Furtado

Football Cheerleading Squad

petition Cheerleaders Squad

BASKETBALL

The Westfield State women's basketball team slipped a little bit during the 1996-97 campaign, but the Owls still maintained their status as one of the premier Division 3 clubs in New England by posting their sixth consecutive 20-win season.

After two straight years in the NCAA Tournament, the 21-7 Owls had to settle for a bid in the ECAC Tournament, their sixth straight postseason appearance. For the second straight year, however, Westfield shared the Mass. State Conference regular season title with archrival Salem State. The teams finished with 11-1 records as the Owls stunned Salem, 56-53, in Westfield. In the conference postseason tournament championship game, Salem edged the Owls, 79-72, in overtime to earn the NCAA Tournament automatic qualifying berth.

Seventh-year head coach Rick Berger was pleased with his team's effort during the season, considering the squad consisted of only one senior: four-year starter Rachel Sayce.

Despite being bothered by a bad back most of her senior season, Sayce finished her college career with some impressive statistics. She set career records for most games played (113) and started (112). She ranks seventh on the all-time scoring list with 898 points and seventh on the all-time rebounding charts.

"Rachel is an athlete that everyone wishes they could have," said Berger. "She is one of the most consistent players I have ever coached. When it comes to effort, Rachel only has one level: all out. She stepped up to lead a very young team to a 21-7 record."

Sayce was Westfield's seventh-leading scorer (6.1) and second-leading rebounder (6.1). Leading the Owls' balanced scoring attack was junior forward Amanda Braden, who scored 458 points for a 16.4 points per game average. Braden, who surpassed the coveted 1,000-point barrier, also led the team in rebounding (6.8) and free throw shooting (82 percent, 134-for-164).

Braden poured in a career-high 28 points in Westfield's 85-72 loss to Middlebury College in the opening round of the ECAC Tournament. Middlebury went on to capture the ECAC championship.

Braden was a first-team all conference selection along with sophomore point guard Holly Maines. Maines averaged 10.3 points per game and ranked second nationally in assists per game (7.1). The talented playmaker from Saugerties, N.Y., High School was a second team All New England selection.

w: Ann Whitney, Mickie Turner, Holly Maines, Caitlin Foley, Kerry Behn, Vanessa Rea, Kelley Mahoney. **Second** sistant coach Jay Fortier, assistant coach Dave Kinne, Kristen Schmaelzle, Amanda Braden, Deanne Matthews, Sayce, Jessica Little, assistant coach Kelly O'Connell, head coach Rick Berger.

SENIOR

Rachel Sayce

"Being named All New England is a great honor for Holly and our program," said Berger. "There are more than 50 Division 3 colleges in New England, so it really is special to be selected as one of the best players."

Powering Westfield's outside attack was junior guard Caitlin Foley, the team's second-leading scorer (10.4). Foley canned 68 three-point shots, including one in the final seconds of the upset victory over Salem.

Sophomore reserve forward Kristen Schmaelzle emerged as a force inside; she came off the bench to average 9.1 points and 4.6 rebounds per game. A key addition in the second semester was junior guard Mickie Turner, a transfer from Assumption. Turner averaged 6.9 points. Completing Westfield's starting lineup was freshman forward Jessica Little.

First Row: Brad Klein, Steven Watson, Dimetrius Hatcher, Dan Racine, Chris Carr, Jonathan Armstrong **Second Row:** Sam Doner, Mike Theberge, Mike Strong, Jason Vroom, Danny Salazar, Neil Ghirarda.

Seniors

Dimetirus Hatcher

BASKETBALL

The Westfield State men's basketball team suffered through a disappointing 6-19 season under third-year coach Al Wolejko.

The Owls opened the season with 11 straight losses, then rallied to win six of nine games, including a 70-67 upset victory over Bridgewater State. Westfield lost its final five games to finish Mass. State Conference play with a 4-8 record.

Pacing the Owls' offensively was junior standout Dan Racine, who led the conference in scoring and was 10th nationally with a 24.2 points per game average. His scoring average is a school record and he ranks eighth on the Owls' all-time scoring list with 1,259 points.

The 6-2, 190-pound guard from Belchertown led the team in three-point shooting (47-for-144), free throw shooting (140-for-202), rebounding (6.4) and was second in steals (1.9). He was a first team all conference selection and a second team All Northeast Region pick.

Racine also excelled in the classroom as he was selected to the GTE-College Sports Information Directors of America All-Academic Northeast Region second team.

Westfield's second-leading scorer was freshman forward Chris Carr of Marshfield, who averaged 12.6 points per game. Carr was selected ECAC New England Rookie of the Week twice during the season.

Junior transfer Mike Theberge averaged 8.5 points per game and senior guard Dimetrius Hatcher averaged 7.3 points and a team-high 3.6 assists per game. Hatcher, the team's lone four-year player, received the Coach's Outstanding Contributor Award.

The Owls' inside attack was led by sophomore Jonathan Armstrong (5.8 points, 5.5 rebounds) and junior Steven Watson (5.5 points, 5.1 rebounds).

SWIMMING

The Westfield State women's swimming and diving team peaked at the New England championships, held at Bowdoin College on Feb. 21-23, to cap its highly successful season.

Westfield placed 17th in the very competitive 32-team field. Williams won the meet again, followed by Middlebury, Amherst and Springfield.

More important, however, Westfield finished first among New England state colleges and shattered 10 school records, including all five relays.

We did a great job," said veteran coach Dave Laing, whose team posted a 9-3 dual meet mark in setting a school record for most victories in a season. "We peaked at the right time, especially our relays, and there were some outstanding individual efforts.

"I try not to worry too much what the other schools are doing," he continued. "Some of the private colleges, like Williams, have so much depth and they are able to recruit nationally. Some of the times these women are swimming the the Division 3 level are just amazing."

Individually, Andrea Scheele led the Aqua Owlettes. The junior from Walpole earned All New England honors by placing sixth in the 100 individual medley was a personal-best time of 1:03.98. She also placed ninth in the 100 backstroke in a school-record clocking of 1:02.74), and 11th in the 200 backstroke (2:14.44). Furthermore, Scheele was a member of four record-setting relay teams.

"Andrea had an interesting weekend," said Laing. "She got off to a slow start but she responded well to the adversity and finished strong. The experience should benefit her next season."

Other individual school records were set by freshman Julie Hamel in the 50 freestyle (26.12), junior Brooke Lathrop in the 50 butterfly (28.21), and freshman Amy Fischer in the 100 (1:12.57) and 200 (2:37.66) breaststroke events.

Establishing personal bests were Fischer in the 100 butterfly (1:03.93), Hamel in the 100 freestyle (57.63), and junior Lori Lauer in the 500 freestyle (5:36). Also participating in the championships was senior Kristin Nelson, who placed 24th in the 50 breaststroke (34.87).

Westfield's highest placing relay was the 400 medley, which finished 12th in 4:17.00. Relay members were Scheele, Fischer, Lathrop and Hamel. The same four placed 15th in the 200 medley with a 1:57.9 clocking.

The 200 freestyle relay of sophomore Kara Lavoie, Scheele, Lathrop and Hamel was timed in 1:45.58. The 400 freestyle relay of Lavoie, Lauer, Scheele and Hamel hit the wall in 3:50.79, and the 800 relay of Lauer, Fischer, Lavoie and Hamel was clocked in 8:27.87.

First Row: Reanna Leite, Kristin Fleming, Kristin Nelson, Robyn Beaulieu, Carrie Sicotte, Erin Hogan, Michelle Burgess. **Second Row:** Robin Bagley, Kara Lavoie, Jenn Pender, Sarah Hodgdon, Heather Butler, Andrea Scheele. **Third Row:** diving coach Karen Summers, Julie Hamel, Chris Tsandikos, Lori Lauer, Brooke Lathrop, Stephanie Cruise, Nan Walker, Jessica Wiley. **Fourth Row**: head coach Dave Laing, Janinne Kendra, Amy LeBlanc, Kate Woelfel, Amy Fischer, Jodi Montgomery, Christine Hornby.

Seniors

Kristin Nelson, coach- Dave Laing, Robyn Beaulieu, Sarah Hodgdon. Carrie Sicotte

SOFTBALL

The Westfield State College softball team posted a 16-17 record while playing a highly competitive schedule in 1997.

The Owls played two teams that qualified for the NCAA Tournament - Wheaton and Springfield - and four teams that played in the ECAC Tournament: Salem State, Worcester State, Oneonta State, and Western Connecticut. In addition, the Owls played three quality clubs that opted not to participate in postseason play: Bridgewater, Coast Guard, and Amherst.

"I talked to a lot of coaches who said we had one of the toughest schedules in New England," said first-year mentor Joe McGovern. "We want to play the best, that's the best way to develop a strong program."

The Owls fared well facing the tournament teams, splitting double headers with Springfield, Worcester State, and Salem State. They almost pulled off a huge upset, losing at Wheaton, 4-3, in eight innings. Wheaton went on to place third in the NCAA Division 3 national tournament.

Westfield struggled at the plate in '97 with a team batting average of .265. The leading hitter was senior first baseman Jill Dailey with a .386 average. The Braintree native was a first team all conference selection and named the team's MVP for the second consecutive year. Dailey finished her outstanding four-year career with a .388 batting average, 80 RBI, and a school record 17 triples.

"We need more players like Jill Dailey in our program," said McGovern. "She came to play every game. Not only did she hit well but she was outstanding defensively."

SENIORS

Jill Dailey, Wendy Noyes, Jodi Votano

Westfield's three starting outifelders also hit well in '97. Freshman center fielder Colleen Doyle of Pittsfield batted .364; she was a second team all conference selection and the received the Coach's Outstanding Contributor Award. Sophomore Sarah Kessler emerged as a force; the East Northport, N.Y., native batted .344 with five double, two triples, two home runs and a team-high 22 RBI. Freshman Elaine Licata batted .342.

Senior third baseman Wendy Noyes slumped a bit in her final season with a .244 batting average, but she belted two homers and six doubles and was second on the team with 21 RBI. A four-year starter, Noyes had a .367 career batting average with 86 RBI, 29 doubles and six homers.

In other noteworthy statistics, second baseman Jill Paghera led the Owls with 25 runs scored and 16 walks, and catcher Maureen Kennedy had a team-high 14 sacrifice hits.

In the pitching department, freshman Amanda Carey adapted well to the college game. The Lawrence native posted a 10-9 record with 110 innings pitched, a 1.91 earned run average, 43 strikeouts and only 16 walks. Carey was selected second team all conference. Senior Kristin Widman's record was 4-7 with a 3.54 ERA in 79 innings.

Row: Elaine Licata, Beth Aucoin, Jean Terrill, Kim Schwarz, Amanda Carey, Jodi Votano, Maureen Kennedy, Jill Paghera. **Second Row:** assistant coach Phil ese, Colleen Doyle, Lisa D'Acci, Kristin Widman, Sarah Kessler, Wendy Noyes, Jill Dailey, Jen Pava, head coach Joe McGovern.

BASEBALL

The Westfield State baseball team experienced "the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat" equally, finishing the 1997 season with a 16-16-1 record.

After a disappointing 2-6 record in Florida, the Owls won 10 of 12 games to take a 12-8 record into the final two weeks of the season. Westfield then dropped eight of its final 12 contests, including a disappointing double header setback to Fitchburg State that knocked the Owls out of contention for a postseason tournament bid.

The highlights of the season were victories over perennial NCAA power Eastern Connecticut, and ECAC Tournament teams Trinity and Framingham. The Owls came from behind to win numerous times, including a wild 19-18 victory over Wesleyan University.

Ten seniors, including seven four-year players, gave Westfield the experience to win the close games. The Owls batted .333 as a team, led by Cory Dion's .406 average. Dion was switched from catcher to center field to bolster the defense and made all conference first team. Dion was hit by pitches 21 times in his career, a school record.

Senior shortstop Ryan Maliga hit .382 and had an on-base percentage of .519. Maliga hit well in the clutch with four game-winning hits, including three in the Owls' final at bat.

Senior first baseman Brian Pacheco was named second team all conference as he batted .380 and led the Owls in runs scored (28) and hits (46).

Freshman outfielder Chris Malloy, a transfer from UMass Amherst, was a force in his first year; he batted .363 with 10 doubles, three triples and three home runs.

Junior third baseman Shawn Murphy was a second team all conference selection; he hit .333 with team highs of 27 RBI and five homers. Senior second baseman Brian Guimond and senior outfielder Chris Jarosz both batted .292.

The ace of the pitching staff was senior Frank Cavagnaro, who posted a 4-3 record with 45 strikeouts and a 4.28 earned run average. Senior knuckleballer Kevin Connolly was the staff workhorse, throwing a team-high 53 and a third innings. Connolly's record was 3-5 with a 5.40 ERA. Sophomore lefty Stephen Marino was 3-3 with 33 strikeouts and a 5.60 ERA.

Seniors

First Row: Tom Curran, Ryan Maliga, Brian Pacheco, Corey Dion, Kevin Connolly. **Second Row:** Brian Hendricks, Dan Shanahan, Frank Cavagnaro, Chris Jarosz, coach John Jones

Row: Steve LaCroix, Tim Carter, Ryan Gentile, Tom Curran, Brendan Bisbee, Craig Fallon, Ryan Maliga, John Morrissey. **Second Row:** Brian Hendricks, Tom sh, Brian Pacheco, Cory Dion, Steve Marino, Scott Santino, Chris Jarosz, Steve Blanchette, Jeff Hill. **Third Row:** volunteer assistant Jose Fernandes, outfield Ron Lucia, Frank Cavagnaro, Dan Shanahan, Brian Guimond, Shawn Murphy, Chris Malloy, Mike Sokoloski, Kevin Connolly, head coach John Jones, hitting Jim Cunha, pitching coach Don Pomeroy.

TRACK

In the Mass. State Conference championship meet, the Owls placed third with 58 points, trailing Bridgewater State (84) and Fitchburg (76).

Freshman Diana Cares was a double winner for Westfield, placing first in the 3,000 (11:49.45) and 5,000 (19:58.2) meter runs. The talented freshman from Northborough also won the conference cross country title in the fall to dominate the long distance events during the academic year.

Sophomore Sarah Corriveau won the long jump (16-3), placed third in the triple jump (32-3/4), and was second in both the 100 (13.68) and 200 (27.42).

Also finishing first was Melissa Merrow in the 1500 meter run (5:23.3).

Unable to compete for Westfield was senior standout sprinter/jumper Iris Mathis, who had to take the state civil service exam the day of the conference championships.

Mathis, however, did compete in the New England Division 3 championships May 3 and earned Westfield's only points, placing eighth in the long jump (16-4 1/2). Mathis also finished fifth in the ECAC long jump championships.

During the indoor season, Corriveau was fifth in the long jump in the New England Division 3 championships.

Mathis was named the team's MVP for the '96-97 seasons and senior Gina Potorski was given the Coach's Outstanding Contributor Award.

Iris Mathis

Gina Potorski

SENIORS

First Row: Melissa Merrow, Tina Marie Varzeas, Diana Cares, Kelly Gasior, Pam Loving, Joy Conley. **Second Row:** Andrea Petrolini, Nora Lynch, Lisamarie Walsh, Iris Mathis, Jamie Thomas, Gina Potorski.

First Row: Scott Turner, Carl Mazzaferro, Mike Reis, Tim Trull, Shawn Breault, Tom Schreiber. **Second Row:** Jake Norton, Garrett Ford, Steve Brochu, Provencher, Kevin Shepard, Matt Dowaliby, Ryan Schmitt, Joe Freeman, Chris MacDonald. **Third Row:** Matt Collins, Mark Martineau, Rob Kadrle, Ian Grad Roberts, Rich Federico, James Thrasher, Mike Whittier, Casey Connolly.

Seniors

Casey Connolly, Mike Roberts, Mike Whittier

Track

The Westfield State men's track and field regained its stronghold on the Mass. State Conference championship with a dominating performance.

The Owls racked up 156.5 points to easily defeat Bridgewater State (58.5). It was the 14th title in the past 15 years for the Owls. In addition, it was easily the largest margin of victory since a new scoring system was instituted in 1980.

"I was surprised that we won by that much," said coach Gerry Gravel. "I thought that if each person performed well that we would win easily, but it still surprises me we won by that much."

Twenty-four of Westfield's 28 athletes earned points. The Owls plan to continue their success as 17 are first- or second-year performers; the Owls only lose 16 points to graduation.

"We made a lot of progress since last year," Gravel said. "Last year we were disappointed that we didn't meet the challenge with (Ryan) Schmitt hurt but this year we went beyond expectations."

Schmitt, a sophomore from Wallingford, Conn., was named the Meet's Outstanding Performer. Schmitt won the 100 (11.43) and 200 (23.57), and ran a leg on the victorious 4 x 100 relay team (44.41). Additionally, he finished second in the long jump (19-11 3/4) and third in the triple jump (41-1 3/4).

Schmitt, who pulled a hamstring in the first event of last year's conference championships, also impressed Gravel with a hand timed clocking of 11.0 in the 100 meter trials.

"Schmitt ran well, better than I anticipated," said Gravel.

Other double winners were freshman Matt Collins in the 400 hurdles (57.51) and 400 meter dash (50.36), and junior Tom Schreiber in the shot put (41-3) and hammer throw (134-9). In addition, Collins finished third in the long jump and second in the high jump, and Schreiber was third in the discus.

"Collins also scored a lot of points for us," Gravel said. "We also picked up many more points (58) than I expected in the field events, especially the throwing events."

Westfield took the top four places in the discus, led by Jamel Davenport's winning toss of 110-1. Also placing first were Garrett Ford in the 3,000 steeplechase (10:30.30), Joe Freeman in the 110 hurdles (16.47), Mike Whittier in the 800 (2:03.66), and Kevin Shepard in the 1500 (4:14.27).

Coach's Outstanding Contributor Awards

1996-1997

The following Westfield State College varsity athletes received the Coach's Award for their outstanding contributions on and off the playing field during the 1996-97 seasons:

Sport	Name	Hometown
Football	Bill Butler	Norwood
Men's Soccer	Derek Casinghino	Agawam
Women's Soccer	Amy Clark	Raynham
Field Hockey	Tara Rosata	Medway
Women's Cross Country	Tina Pellett	Gardner
Men's Cross Country	Shawn Breault	Athol
Men's Basketball	Dimetrius Hatcher	Springfield
Women's Basketball	Rachel Sayce	Norton
Women's Swimming	Carrie Sicotte	West Brookfield
Men's Indoor Track & Field	Joe Freeman	Salem
Men's Outdoor Track & Field	Ryan Schmitt	Wallingford,CT
Women's Track & Field	Gina Potorski	East Longmeadow
Baseball	Dan Shanahan	Burlington
Softball	Colleen Doyle	Pittsfield

1996-1997

Varsity Team Highlights

Sport	Final Record	Highlights
Baseball	16-1-1	
Men's Basketball	16-9	
Women's Basketball	21-7	ECAC Tournament Conference co-champs Sixth straight 20-win season
Men's Cross Country	—	MASCAC Champions
Women's Cross Country	—	MASCAC Champions
Field Hockey	12-7-1	MAIAW Tournament champions Most wins in school history Conference tri-champions
Football	4-6	
Men's Soccer	7-10-2	
Women's Soccer	13-8	MAIAW Tournament champions Tied for most wins Second place conference
Softball	16-17	
Women's Swimming	9-3	Most wins in School History Six New England qualifiers
Men's Track and Field	—	First place in conference
Women's Track and Field	—	

1996-1997

Varsity Captains

NAME	CLASS	HOMETOWN
Football		
Matt Duplessis	SR	Framingham
T.J. Cole	SR	Marlboro
Matt Walsh	SR	Quincy
Mike Cronin	SR	Scituate
Men's Cross Country		
Rob Laprel	SR	Haverhill
Mike Roberts	SR	Springfield
Women's Cross Country		
Richelle Chesmore	SR	Framingham
Melissa Cross	JR	Worcester
Gina Potorski	SR	East Longmeadow
Men's Soccer		
Neil Belanger	SR	Shrewsbury
Josh Downing	SR	Tyngsboro
Women's Soccer		
Amy Clark	SR	Raynham
Sandy Pinto	JR	Ludlow
Field Hockey		
Robyn DeAngelis	SR	Northford, CT
Tara Rosata	SR	Medway
Men's Basketball		
Dimetrius Hatcher	SR	Springfield
Dan Racine	JR	Belchertown
Women's Basketball		
Rachel Sayce	SR	Norton
Amanda Braden	JR	New Braintree
Caitlin Foley	JR	North Grafton
Women's Swimming		
Carrie Sicotte	SR	West Brookfield
Robyn Beaulieu	SR	Pittsfield
Kristin Nelson	SR	Wilbraham
Women's Track and Field		
No Captains		
Men's Track and Field		
No Captains		
Baseball		
Dan Shanahan	SR	Burlington
Brian Guimond	JR	Ware
Softball		
Kristin Widman	SR	Chester, NY
Jill Dailey	SR	Braintree
Jodi Votano	SR	Lynn
Wendy Noyes	SR	Bourne

Varsity Sports Awards Night

Rachel Sayce 1997 Female
Scholar-Athlete of the year

Iris Mathis and Rachel Sayce with President Lopes. 1997
Outstanding contributions athletics co-recipients

Mike Roberts 1997
Male Scholar-Athlete of the year

WESTFIELD STATE COLLEGE

1996 - 1997 Intramural Athletics Championship Teams

Sport	Men	Co-ed	Women
One Pitch Softball	Screaming Pigs		
Flag Football	Who Cares		Kockanocks
Fall 5 on 5 Basketball	AWAC		
Tennis Tourney	Steve Kalarites		Hannah Kelliher
Volleyball	Dazed & Confused		BYOB
3-on-3 Basketball	Frocked		
Co -ed Volleyball League - Division 1		The Tavern	
Co -ed Volleyball League - Division 2		Cool Kids	
Soccer League	Sponge Me		BYOB
Indoor Soccer League	Ming Dynasty		AA
4-on-4 Basketball			
Division 1	Late Comers		AA
Division 2	4:20		
Spring 5 on 5 Basketball	Frocked		
Billiards League	Slabagine		
Candlepin Bowling	Prime Time		NAS
Basketball 1 on 1 Tourney	Dario Yacavace		Megan Yurasits
Basketball Free Throw Tourney	Sean Malo		Jessica Downing
Three-Point Contest	Dario Yacavace		Jessica Downing
Sports Trivia Tournament	Ball Bags		Kockanocks
Street Hockey	X-Men		BYOB
Softball	Ming Dynasty		AA
Co Rec. Softball		Strikers	
Co-ed Sand Volleyball		Screaming Intestines	
Ultimate Frisbee	Slabagine		AA

Annual Intramural Atheltics Awards

Kelly Memorial	Josh Downing	Colleen McDermott
Bryne Memorial	Rob Laprel	Katie Kalashian
Carlson Memorial	Ball Bags	
Kerr Memorial	Rodney Coffin	Jill Paghera
Banacos Cup	Ming Dynasty	Kockanocks

5 on 5 Basketball
Frocked

Ultimate Frisbee
Slabagine

4 on 4 Basketball
4:20

Co-ed Sand Volleyball
Screaming Intestines

Indoor Soccer
Ming Dynasty

Indoor Soccer
AA

Billards
Slabagine

Women's Football
Kockanocks

4 on 4 Basketball
Late Comers

Men's Volleyball
Dazed & Confused

Candle Pin Bowling
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Candle Pin Bowling
Prime Time

4 on 4 Basketball
AAA

Co-ed Volleyball
Tavern

3 on 3 Basketball
Frocked

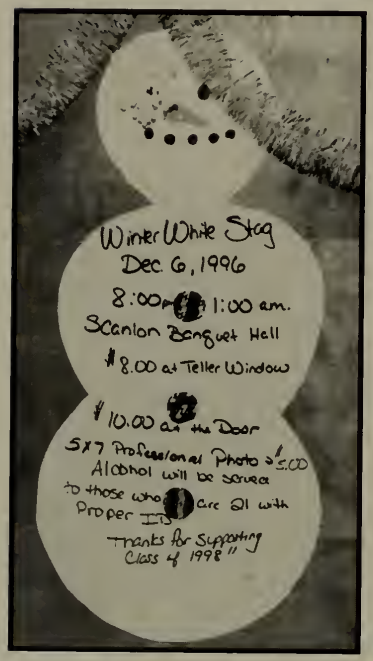
Intramural Action

97

events

Winter White Stag

For two big nights, the students of WSC shed their flannels and tie-dies and donned dresses and newly-ironed shirts. We danced to "prom Songs" like "Y.M.C.A." and "The Grease Medley" and stumbled happily home on tired feet.



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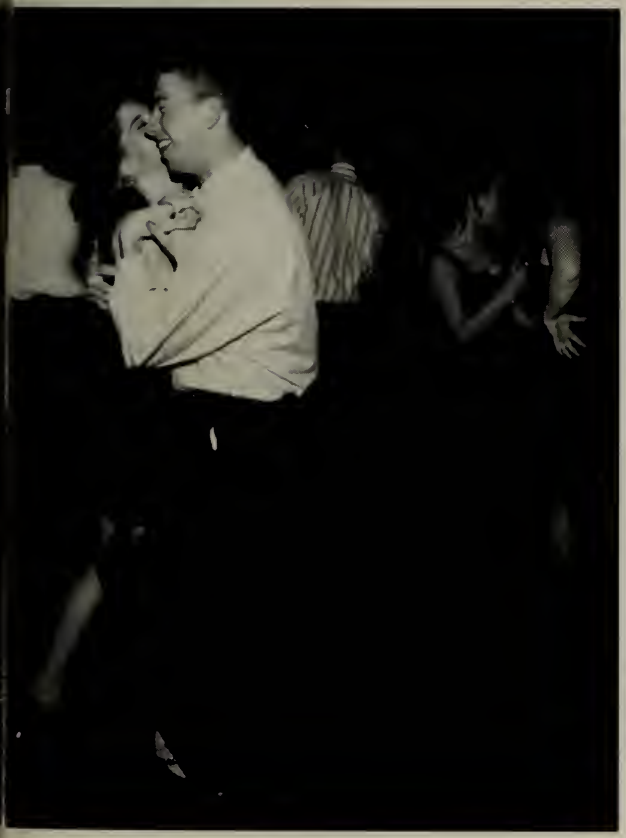

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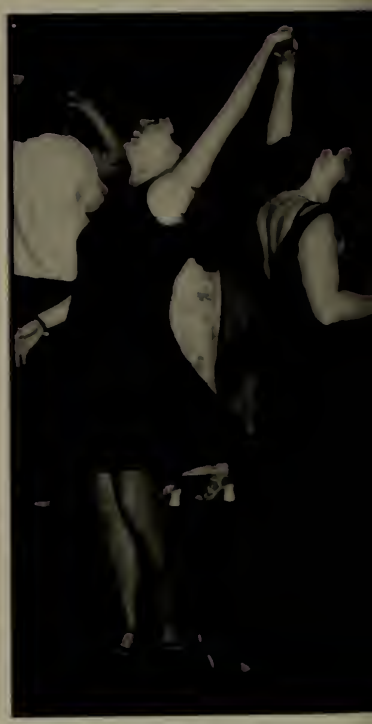

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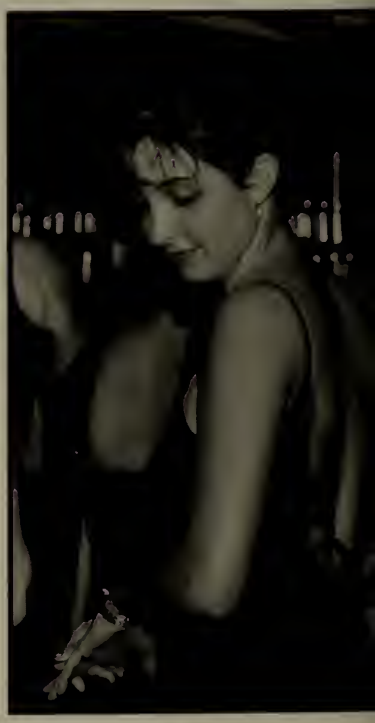


Apartment Life

When I was a freshman, I remember...
sleeping in my car and the Express Grille
being wrapped up in a neighbor's comforter during Davis Hall fire alarm
staying awake 'till early morning and waking up in the late afternoon
being nervous that I didn't' know anyone
living with two girls in a small room in Davis
the bomb in Dickinson Hall
looking at seniors and thinking, "Wow, they 're old!"
sleeping in Scanlon Banquet Hall after four fire alarms
penciling ID's to get into Dineen's
carefree days
thinking, "Black squirrels?"
taking buses to Springfield Bars
not knowing anyone when I got here

Apartment Life

The worst thing about WSC is...
everybody knows each other
parking tickets
Target and his pathetic Polka show
Friday mornings
Registration
cafe food, fire alarms, freshmen
overcooked cafe spaghetti
that it is in Western Mass.
moving your car when they need to plow
the non-existent draining system
the bureaucracy
the water

Aspiration--
We will never know how high we are
  Till we are called to rise;
And then, if we are true to plan,
  Our statures touch the skies.

The heroism we recite
  Would be a daily thing,
Did not ourselves the cubits wrap
  For fear to be a king.
-Emily Dickinson

Apartment Life

Now that I am graduating...
I leave behind all the ridiculous rules and regulations of WSC and may all freshmen suff
I remember that one Tuesday night when the students in the Apartment complex went nuts!
I can't wait to get paid for all the hard work I did for free!
I'll miss those familiar faces
I will miss my lovely job at Brittany's serving people with no teeth
I'm broke
I guess it's time to grow up
I want to thank my mother for pushing me to do the best that I could!
I hope I always will remember to have fun like I did at WSC
I want to know if we can start over again

The Road Not Taken

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that, the passing there
Had worn them really about the same.

And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden back.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
and I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.

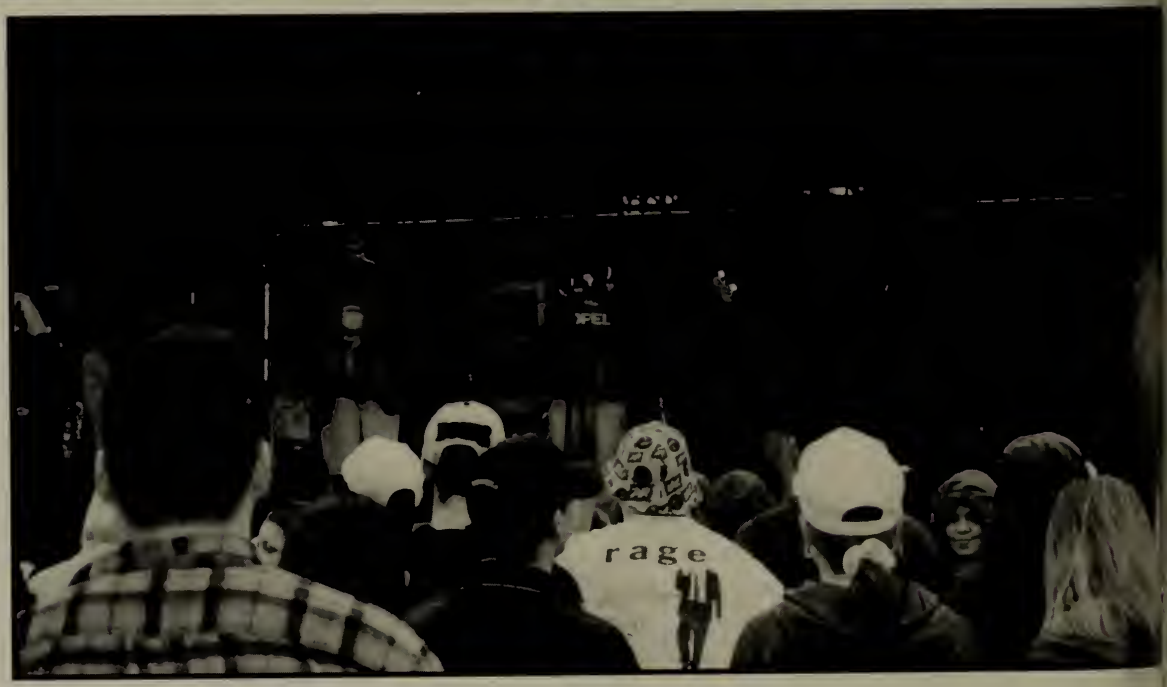
Robert Frost

Spring Weekend

Scratch my back with a lightning bolt
Thunder rolls like a bass drum note
The sound of the weather is heaven's rag time band

...Barefoot children in the rain
Got no need to explain...
It's always understood by those who play the game
Barefoot children in the rain.

-Jimmy Buffet



in Just--

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spring when the world is mud-
luscious the little
lame balloonman

Whistles far and wee

and eddieandbill come
running from marbles and piracies and it's
spring

when the world is puddle-wonderful
-e.e. cummings

Spring Weekend

Senior Week

We kicked things off at the slide show and saw embarrassing pictures that only paled in comparison to those taken of volunteers for the X-rated hypnotist. We were blessed with a double rainbow at our clambake, before boarding the "Booze Cruise." Cuptime ended the week's events as we sat on the living room couches in the courtyard.

Senior Week

Senior Week

Boston

My northern pines are good enough for me,
But there's a town my memory uprears--
A town that always like a friend appears,
And always in the sunrise by the sea.
And over it, somehow, there seems to be
A downward flash of something new and fierce,
That ever strives to clear, but never clears
The dimness of a charmed antiquity.

- E.A. Robinson

Commencement

We gathered in front of Scanlon Hall and proceeded through campus until we reached The Big Top. Our families and friends awaited our arrival, a camera in every hand. The class officers read our names, we received our diplomas, and were congratulated by Dr. Lopez. With one last look over our shoulders, we drove onto Western Avenue, towards our future.

Commencement

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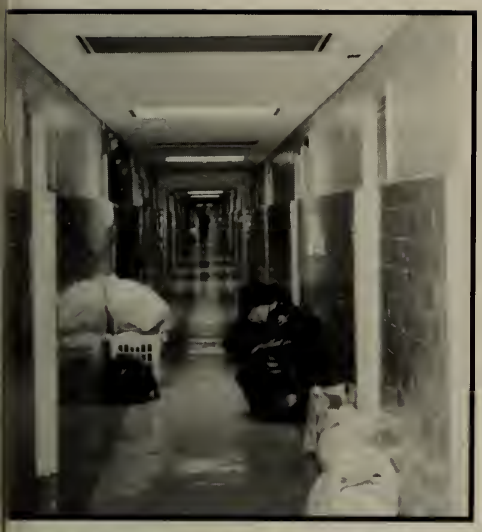
"Commencement Fever"

We attribute such a large place in our lives to a mere four years that commencement is more infused with the fear of leaving than the excitement of beginning, or the sense of continuity. We tell students that they are done when they feel half- baked.

We regard college as an exclamation point at the end of childhood, when it is merely a comma."

- Ellen Goodman



This Bridge

This bridge will only take you halfway there
To those mysterious lands you long to see:
Through gypsy camps and swirling Arab fairs
And moonlit woods where unicorns run free
So come and walk awhile with me and share
The twisting trails and wondrous worlds I've known.
But this bridge will take you halfway there--
The last few steps you'll have to take alone.

- Shel Silverstein

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We love you very much! And we are very proud of you!
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Karen,
Congratulations on a job well done. We are so proud of you.
We love you!
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To Kristin -
We are very proud of you. We wish you all the best life has to offer. Reach out and grab it.
Love,
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Congratulations!

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We are very proud of you, and all

that you have accomplished.

Love,

Mum, Dad and Michelle

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Congratulations!
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I love you!
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Andrea,
We love you and are very proud of you.
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Jenn, Congratulations on your accomplishments. We wish you the very best of everything in the future. We're very proud of the young woman you've become!
Love 'ya
Mom, Dad & Beth

Kerry Fallon

Kerry,
We're really proud of you. We wish you much success and happiness.
Congratulations!
Love,
Mom & Bill

Jennifer Sherman

Congratulations Jenn, we are so proud of you. You have filled our home with happiness... you have filled our hearts with love... may your future be filled with all you're dreaming of.

We love you!
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Mom, Dad, Ann-Marie & Lynn

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Robyn,
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Love,
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We're proud of you. And Tim would be too!
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In taking on the task of being editor-in-chief of the Westfield State College yearbook, I was not aware of the time and dedication that would be involved in the production process. *Tekoa* had fallen on rough times over the last few years, and if not for the help of some amazing people, the Class of 1997 would not have this book to help recall their college memories. The following people deserve great thanks:

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Thanks again to everyone involved in this project. I hope all those who invested time in this book's creation feel it was worth the effort.

I would especially like to congratulate the 1997 Graduating Class of Westfield State College. You deserve a yearbook of high quality and class to look back upon those exciting years of your life. I hope it is exactly that.

GOOD LUCK!

Editor-in-Chief
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